Medical

Number of I.M.S. officers in civil employ in Madras.

*1500 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many I.M.S. officers are now employed on the civil side in Madras;

(b) how many of them are now holding posts reserved for officers of the I.M.S.; and

(c) whether the Government will request the Government of India to recall all I.M.S. officers holding posts not reserved for the I.M.S. in this Presidency and if not, why not?

A.—(a) Forty-two.

(b) Nineteen, including an unspecified post reserved for the I.M.S.

(c) Under the scheme for the reorganization of the I.M.S. announced in the Government of India's Press Communiqué, dated 10th May 1928, 23 posts (including 5 posts in the Jail Department) are reserved for I.M.S. officers. Including a leave and study reserve of 6 officers, this Government have to employ 29 officers on the whole, but the rights of I.M.S. officers who were already in civil employ prior to the reorganization are to be fully preserved. The detailed measures required to safeguard the prospects of these officers are being worked out by the Government of India whose orders are awaited. This Government have in the meantime requested the Government of India to withdraw the services of 4 I.M.S. officers who are now in temporary civil employ and who have not acquired a right to permanent employment in the Civil Medical Department in this Presidency.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In the answer it is stated thus 'the rights of I.M.S. officers who were already in civil employ prior to the reorganization are to be fully preserved'. May I know what the Government means by that?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"It means that people already in this service have got a right to be in service. We cannot dismiss them at once."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"In the last sentence of the answer it is stated thus: 'The Government have in the meantime requested the Government of India to withdraw the services of 4 I.M.S. officers who are now in temporary civil employ. . .' May I know what has become of that, and what decision has been arrived at on that matter?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"That is exactly where we stand now. The statement given in the answer represents the present position."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know whether in addition to these I.M.S. officers there are any other European officers in service now and what places are reserved for them?"

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The main question here deals with I.M.S. officers, and there are no places reserved for non-I.M.S. Europeans."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if all the 4 who are to be sent away are Indians ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" They are."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if there are also Europeans who can be sent away ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know what the necessity is for having 42 officers when you have posts only for 23 ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The rule said that we are bound to maintain 50 officers, but we are maintaining only 42, and those 42 officers must continue till somehow or other we get rid of them."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" When other provinces succeed in getting rid of them, is our Minister helpless to do the same ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know wherefrom my hon. Friend got the information with regard to the other provinces."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I was in the department and I know also what is going on in this matter in other places."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is the hon. Member giving information ?"

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I want the hon. Minister to acquaint himself with what is being done in other provinces, and to see that what is being done there is done here also. Will he do so ?"

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether any non-I.M.S. European officers have been recently confirmed in appointments for which they have been brought in under special contracts ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know exactly what the hon. Member is referring to. If he is referring to any special appointment for which we have advertised, there is one such officer."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know then why such an appointment has been made when these I.M.S. officers could have been appointed to such a post ? Why were not I.M.S. officers appointed to that post ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" None of them possesses the special knowledge that is required for that post."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if it is the intention of the Government to appoint the provincial officers for any of these posts ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It may be like that."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether, out of the 4 officers sent out, 1 has already acquired a right to permanency ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government are not aware that he has acquired any such right. If he has got any such right, we would not be able to send him away."

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Why is it said that these men are temporary ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Under the rules they have not served sufficiently long to acquire permanent rights or they were taken on condition of reversion."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Is there any condition like that ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Yes."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know if this Government applied to the Government of India to withdraw any of these permanent officers or to employ them elsewhere ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The hon. Member probably has not read the answer which says, ' the detailed measures required to safeguard the prospects of these officers are being worked out by the Government of India.' If they work out these detailed measures as to how to preserve these rights and we agree with them, and they provide for sending them away these officers can then be sent away."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood what I said. I want to know whether this Government asked the Government of India to withdraw some of these officers who are permanent by employing them outside the Presidency."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Under the regulations so far issued, under the communiqués so far issued, the rights of permanent officers in this province have to be preserved. How these rights are to be preserved and whether we shall be able to send them away are matters for decision by the Government of India."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Are the rights of the I.M.S. officers superior to those of the doctors in the provincial service ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Where my hon. Friend got the idea about superiority I am not able to understand."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Is it the policy of the Government to encourage I.M.S. men from foreign lands in preference to the sons of the soil ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" If it had been the policy of the Government to encourage I.M.S. officers before, that policy has to a certain extent been curtailed now."

Public Health

Enquiry into the death of a girl at Puthiyara after anti-hookworm treatment.

*1501 Q.—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the tragic death of a girl five years old studying in the Mamuttipara girls' school at Puthiyara, Calicut, immediately after the administration of anti-hookworm medicine ;

(*b*) the interval that elapsed between the time the medicine was administered and the death of the girl ;

(*c*) the number of children in the said section to whom the medicine was administered on that day ;